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Down into the humble valley below,
To meet the Savior at the blood-stained cross
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For if otherwise you try to go up
To the stormy peek's lofty glacial top,
By climbing up pride's old rickety pole,
Down you may fall into some icy hole.
So then the way up is first to go down—
Down on your prayer bones, down on the ground;
And when you are down dead flat on your back
Shrinking yourself into a tiny speck,
God looks down with pleasure and says, "I can
Take this wee midget and make a great man."
Having thus emptied self's own brimming cup,
God says, "Come, my child, you may now get up."
With nectar for drink and manna for bread,
Fatness and sinew all over are spread,
And your hand in His, He leads you along
The rough mountain side, vigorous and strong,
Climbing and leaping as onward you go,
Skipping and dancing o'er glacier and snow;
In the strength of the Lord surmounting all
The temptations of life, nevermore to fall.

—*Joseph P. Saunders.*

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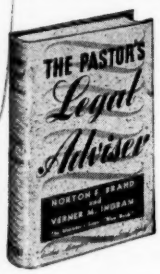

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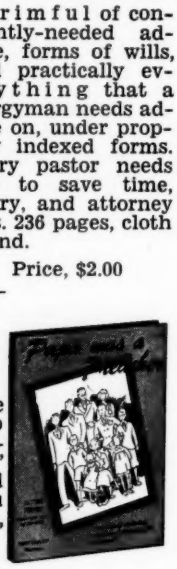

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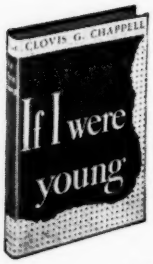

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My Child Which Was Dead Now Liveth

That which seems to be near the hardest of all Bible lessons to learn is that "all things work together for good to them who love the Lord." Of course, there are many interpretations given on this thought, varying over a wide range of thought. It is, however, my privilege to give a testimony hereby which I feel is ample proof that the scripture means exactly what it says.

It was during the very first days of the month that our little girl, Barbara Therese, age 3½ years, fell ill. We prayed and trusted God for her for over a week, until she seemed so near death that we felt we had better get a doctor to look at her. He came and pronounced the case as malignant diphtheria, which is very dangerous. He gave her an antitoxin and told us to rush her to the hospital if she didn't improve in the next six hours. At 5:35 a. m. Thursday, January 11, 1945, she was admitted to the Grace Hospital, Welch, W. Va. They gave her another antitoxin immediately but when she didn't respond the doctor told us her only chance was to have an operation on her throat to relieve her breathing. We gave our consent, even though he said the chances were she wouldn't even come off the table alive. At nine o'clock they operated.

During this period we gave ourselves over to prayer. The burden seemed so great it could not be borne. We agonized with God right on until suddenly it seemed as though God spoke directly with the assurance that the child would recover. Not long afterward they brought her back to her room and she improved from then on.

It seemed the time had come for God to get His glory from this hospitalization. We were there with the child when a man entered, saying he was hunting a minister. It seemed there was a very wicked woman at death's door on the floor below. We went down and talked to her, then prayed. The next morning we called again and she informed us she was feeling fine and had accepted God as her Savior. She was released in only a few days from then. About this time one of our members came up and asked us to go upstairs and pray for her mother who was there. After praying we hesitated at the bedside of a lady who had been severely burned and was not given a chance to live. I asked a lady standing by if we might pray and she said she was the other lady's mother and would be glad if we would. As we prayed this dear mother suddenly began to speak as the Spirit directed. The younger lady was touched and without further hypodermics went to sleep and slept some fifteen hours. She continued to recover speedily. God was only beginning His work, however, for before we brought the baby home there had been two other ladies and a man miraculously blessed and one other converted.

A few hours before bringing the child home, one of the nurses was talking to us and remarked, "This case

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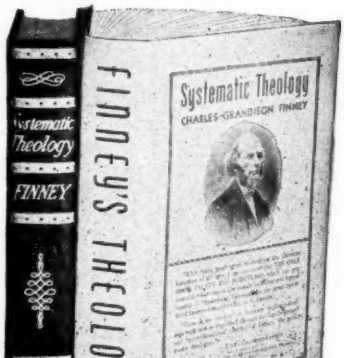

Repentance

By JOHN C. JERNIGAN
General Overseer

Text: *"Repent ye therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out,"* Acts 3:19.

The text is the words from the Apostle Peter's sermon immediately after the healing of the lame man at the Beautiful gate of the temple. As the people stood spellbound, gazing at the man leaping and praising God, Peter preached unto them Jesus Christ, insisting that the people repent that their sins might be blotted out.

Repentance is the act of one who regrets that he has committed sins against God, or of one who is sorry for wrongdoing. The evidence of repentance is an open expression of sorrow, or regret for past sins, or still more convincing is the change in conduct of the individual who has repented. "Repent and be converted" means to repent and turn from sin.

The doctrine of repentance was first preached by John the Baptist, followed by Christ, both using the same text, saying, "Repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," Matt. 3:1; 4:17. Under the law religion had been sacrificial and ceremonial, but now these two great men came out preaching that men must repent of their sins, Christ declaring, "Except ye repent ye shall perish." Paul said, in Acts 17th chapter and the 30th verse, "And the times of this ignorance God winked at, but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." Repentance is essential to salvation. John preached it, Christ declared our destruction without it, and God demanded it of all men everywhere. Repentance is therefore our way into His kingdom of righteousness. Without repentance we stand on the outside.

Repentance is not an act of God, it is man's part in obtaining forgiveness of sins. Christ died and shed His blood for the sins of the world, but man repents and confesses his sins to receive pardon. John tells us what we are expected to do, and then what God will do—"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins," 1 John 1:9. Forgiveness is promised upon our confession. God does not force men to confess their sins. They act of their own accord. Repentance is a volunteer action of man, and forgiveness is an act of God. Repentance is not an experience of salvation, but a work of man that prepares his heart for the acceptance of the grace of God. Repentance without faith is not enough. Man must believe that God for Christ's sake will forgive the sins confessed. Repentance is an act of man and faith is a possession, both of which is required before forgiveness. When God forgives sins, man is brought into spiritual life. He is saved from his sins; he is born again, and is a new creature. Repentance is not an act of God, but is inspired of God, and the goodness of God leads men to repentance. God's goodness and love is manifested to the world in so many ways that men cannot help recognizing it. It is through this manifestation that we are made sorry for our sins and brought to repentance. Paul, writing to the Church of God in Corinth, said, "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of, but the sorrow of the world worketh death," 2 Cor. 7:10. Notice the words "godly sorrow worketh repentance." Sorry for their sins through God's manifested love and goodness, they repent.

HOW DO MEN REPENT OF SINS? If you apologize to a friend for some mistake that has inconvenienced him, you must be in earnest, and your words must have the sound of sincerity or he will not accept your apology as genuine. How much more should our confessions to God for the misdeeds of life come from deep down in a sincere heart! It is not words that God listens to, but the silent, sincere language of the heart.

Christ gave an example of repentance by referring to the great revival in the city of Nineveh. God sent Jonah to preach to that great city, and they repented, and God forgave them. If men today will repent like the men of Nineveh, they will likewise receive forgiveness of their sins like Nineveh. Let us quote Christ's statement, "The men of Nineveh shall rise up in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold a greater than Jonah is here," Luke 11: 32.

God had decreed destruction for these men, but when they repented He forgave them. I think their manner of repentance, inasmuch as it was recognized by God, would still be a good example for men to follow. Let us, therefore, learn how they found a place of forgiveness in the heart of God. Going back to the book of Jonah we find that Jonah entered into the city a day's journey and began to preach the overthrow of the city within forty days. Quoting from the book of Jonah, "So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even unto the least of them. For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid aside his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth and sat in ashes. And he caused it to be proclaimed and published throughout Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing; let them not feed nor drink water. But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God; yea let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger that we perish not? And God saw their works that they turned from their evil way, and God repented of the evil that he had said he would do unto them, and he did it not." Jonah 3:5-10.

Christ declared that the men of Nineveh would rise up in judgment and condemn this generation because they repented at the preaching of Jonah. Repenting of their sins was their only hope; they feared that they had already crossed the dead line, but with sincerity and earnestness they called a fast throughout the city, and went before God in sackcloth and ashes crying mightily unto Him, and when God saw their works He turned and forgave their sins, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah.

There may be no necessity of such fasting in sackcloth and ashes today, but the same sincerity and earnestness is required to obtain forgiveness of your own sins. They were not only willing to quit sin, but they did quit. The sinner does not have to tell God he will quit, but he will have to quit. Quitting is evidence of sincerity. Now

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RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

Crab Apple Christians

A young man told me some years ago that the Bible said, "By their fruits ye shall know them," and then added, "my father bears crab apples."

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German Priests Respect Officers

of the Allied Forces in occupied territory. These priests are reported to be glad to have freedom to again preach the gospel.

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Protestant Journals in Italy

have again resumed publication, *The Waldensian,* bi-weekly, and *The Baptist Evangelical,* weekly. These were suppressed during the Mussolini reign over Italy.

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Quisling Church Oppression

More than eighty per cent of the Baptist missions in Norway are reported to have been taken over by the Nazis. Of those conducted by the Methodist, there have been sixty per cent taken over. These groups had refused to rally to Quisling.

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Chiang Kai-Shek Desires Christian Workers

A wireless report coming out of Chungking states that Chiang Kai-Shek has asked the National Christian Council to enlist one thousand Christian workers as morale officers in the Chinese army. This is said to be the first time in history that a non-Christian nation has set up a Christian chaplaincy for its Armed Forces.

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The Vatican and the Kremlin

There is constant firing back at each other between the Vatican and the Kremlin; charges and countercharges are multiple. The Vatican is anxious about the 84,000,000 Catholics in central and eastern European countries. The Vatican charges that Moscow has used "harsh words" and seems to fear that these words reflect Moscow's plans for external action.

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Bible for Philippines

Dr. Eric M. North, Secretary of the American Bible Society, states that New Testament portions are being printed for the Philippines in Tagalog, Ilocan, and Cuban dialects. These printings include 50,000 copies of St. John and St. Luke in Tagalog, and 50,000 copies in Ilocan and Cuban dialects. Also, the American and British Societies plan jointly to supply 700,000 Bibles for European liberated countries, with an additional 1,776,000 Testaments and 3,300,000 Gospels.

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Uniform Marriage Proposals

have been introduced in Congress by Rep. Homer Ramsey (R., Ohio), purposing that the Constitution be amended to establish uniform laws on marriage and divorce. Rep. Ramsey charges that some states have made a "racket" out of divorce, thus treating divorce as a "joke." He further pointed out that a man can go to Nevada and file suit and secure a divorce from his wife within six weeks, in which suit she has no chance to defend her rights because of a lack of time.

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has denied 469 applications for gatherings of various groups, according to RNS. Church meetings approved so far are Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Church, legislative conference, York, Pa., March 7-12. General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, legislative conference, Dayton, Ohio, May 23-28; United Lutheran Synod, Concord, N. C., legislative conference, April 3-5, and the Washington-Virginia Annual Conference of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, legislative conference, Norfolk, March 21-25. In the light of these approvals there should be every reason to expect approval of our own General Assembly to meet for needed legislative conferences.

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Unity of Mankind

Unity is the one thing that insures success of undertakings of mankind. God purposed a united creation of spiritual beings, to insure worship, fellowship, and happiness. The leaders of all nations realize the need of unity to insure peace and cooperation. Satan urges toward a united sinful race of all human beings, with God eliminated. Satan purposes that all creatures imbibe his evil nature and spirit, that he may lead and rule them. The present world-conflict is motivated by both good and evil forces. Right will finally win in the setting up of the kingdom of God. The judgment of nations will, however, precede its accomplishment.

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Significance of Materials of the Tabernacle

(1) Gold — divine glory; divine righteousness; and divine nature of the Lord Jesus Christ. (2) Silver—the redemption of the sinner by Christ. (3) Brass—Christ upholding the judgments of God against sin. (4) Blue—the heavenly character of Christ. (5) Purple—Christ's kingly character. (6) Scarlet—the atonement of Christ. (7) Fine linen—the spotless purity of Christ. (8) Goat's hair—Christ's separation from outward evil and sin. (9) Rams' Skins Dyed Red — life-and-death devotedness of Christ unto God. (10) Badger Skins—absolute holiness of Christ. (11) Shittim wood—the holy humanity of Christ. (12) Oil for lighting—the Holy Spirit—as the power and revelation of the things of God. (13) Spices for anointing oil — the moral graces and perfection of Christ as expressed in the Holy Spirit. (14) Onyx stones—the multiplied glories of Christ. (15) Stones of the breastplate —the moral glories and beauties of Christ.

No one is in a condition to learn until he has discovered how little he already knows.

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Has Christianity Failed?

Rev. Floyd L. Ramsey

(Heb. 13:8)

A radio message delivered Sunday, October 1, 1944, over station KSUN, Lowell, Arizona, by Rev. Floyd L. Ramsey, pastor of the Church of God, Bisbee, Ariz. This program is heard over this station each Sunday morning at 7:30.

Has Christianity failed? is a question that has been repeatedly asked by many when they see the critical condition of the world in this twentieth century. A global war raging, our boys and girls in uniform, broken-hearted parents, wives and sweethearts, bring to us a picture that is far from being pleasant and one that has affected the whole world. Our government is aware of the fact that it is going to take a united effort of every citizen to win this war, and is calling on every American citizen to make every sacrifice possible to contribute to the war effort. I'm sure each of us is glad to do that because we love our America. Yes, I say *our America,* because I'm an American and proud of it. But the thing that hurts my very heart's core is that while our boys and girls are dying on far-off battle fronts to protect my home, your home, and everything that we hold dear in our America, the morale of our nation is being shattered by the spirit of ungodliness and infidelity that is sweeping the nation. The juvenile delinquency problem seems to be mounting every day and statisticians tell us that we spend annually six times as much money for the capture and prosecution of criminals than is disbursed for the operation of all the educational institutions in the United States combined. What a shocking report! But it is true.

CHRISTIANITY IS ETERNAL

My precious friends, in the short time I shall be in your midst this morning by means of radio, I'm very much delighted to tell you that Christianity has never failed, and it never shall, for it is just as eternal as He who introduced it to this world, JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF GOD.

CHRISTIANITY IS NOT A SYSTEM OF ETHICS

I shall at this time endeaver to tell you briefly what Christianity is, and what it is not. It is not a system of ethics, but it is redemptive. In order to have Christianity we will have to have Christ. It would be just as logical, and would stand just as much to reason for one to believe he could live without his heart beating, as it would to believe we could have Christianity without having a personal experience with Jesus Christ. In Col. 3:4 the Scripture teaches that Christ is our life, and if He is our life we must have Him that we may live. Dr. Wm. Evans, in his book entitled, "GREAT DOCTRINES OF THE BIBLE," said: "To eliminate the atoning death of Christ from the relation that bears His name would mean the surrender of its uniqueness, and claim to be the only true religion, the supreme and final revelation of God to the sons of men." My friends, to surrender this distinctive Christian doctrine from its creed, would bring it down to the level of other prevailing religious systems. May I repeat that Christianity is not a system of ethics, but it is the history of redemption through Jesus Christ the personal Redeemer. I am well aware that there are many today who are openly demonstrating the doctrine of the atoning death of Jesus Christ. Below I quote some statements which were made by some who advocate modernism. "We cannot accept the substitutionary death of Christ." —*a Church magazine.* The same magazine declares that the hymn, "Jesus Paid It All," is not the theology of the Church. Cain's religion is still more agreeable to the natural heart than Abel's. Modernism rules the Bible out as an authority on theological questions, but in spite of all that the modernistic preachers may say or do about it, the blood of Jesus Christ will never, never lose its power to redeem the souls of fallen humanity.

IT HAS SURVIVED MANY ATTACKS

Christianity was attacked in its infancy by both the devil and man. By the devil because he knew of its redemption for the souls of lost humanity; by man because he was blinded and deluded by the power of Satan. Satan had a veil of darkness pulled down over the understanding of man, insomuch that many lost their power of reason and became so enshrouded by this satanic power until they became reprobate to everything that was good. It was by the hands of those fiendish haters of Christianity that many of the early Christians met their fate. They made many unscrupulous attacks on the Christians and destroyed them by the thousands. We have an appalling account in "Fox's Book of Martyrs" of how many of the early supporters of Christianity met their doom as far as the destruction of the body. He tells how mothers were stripped of their clothing and tormented to death by some of the most cruel methods in the presence of the howling, cheering mobs of spectators in the Colosseum at Rome, and how others were thrown to the hungry lions to be devoured alive, and others burned at the stake. When we think of what those precious redeemed souls suffered for the sake of Christianity, it should stir you and me to a greater devotion for this great cause. Christianity survived all those unscrupulous attacks, and survived also the time known as the Dark Ages when the Bibles were burned by the thousands. However, the Bible today has the widest circulation of any book in print. The story of Christianity is circling the globe. It has been translated into one thousand languages and dialects, and is read the world over. As Christianity survived the attacks of mad men in its infancy, it shall survive the attacks of the slick tongue of the modernistic sage of this age.

CHRISTIANITY IS FACING MODERNISM TODAY

Christianity in its infancy faced and overcame the brutal attacks of its haters, the supposed-to-be religious leaders of that day. It shall also face and overcome every dart that is thrust at it today by the last-day modernist. The scripture in 2 Peter 3:1-4 tells us that those men would appear in the last times. Dr. J. Oswald Smith stated in his great message on "The Poison of Modernism," some of the known facts about modernism. One rank modernist said: "I do not believe in the doctrine of salvation by blood. I thank God I am not saved by the blood of anyone. The doctrine of salvation by blood is the gospel of the butcher shop. Modernism proclaims salvation by character in the place of salvation by the blood, and lays emphasis on education, social service, and world betterment instead of evangelism. We have given up

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The Last Call to Supper

What normal, healthy person, with a sound appetite, does not feel a sense of contentment, or even a small thrill when the supper bell rings. Especially do those who labor long, hard hours on the farm, drop their tools and their weariness and begin to chatter happily when the ringing gong of the dinner bell calls them to the sumptuous table usually set before the hungry men folk of a farm.

One of the sacrifices of the mission field is to miss, month after month, the fellowship of the dinner table with fellow ministers, where the problems, joys, and the politics of the church work are freely discussed.

In Luke 14:16-24, we have the account of the greatest banquet ever set before the sons of men. The host is God; the guest of honor is Jesus, the Son of God; the occasion—the wedding supper of Jesus to His holy and happy bride, the Church; the invited guests—all of the "whosoever wills" who hear and accept salvation through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ, and who continue in all the fulness of His glorious gospel.

"A CERTAIN MAN MADE A GREAT SUPPER." This certain man is God. He has watched the salvation work of His beloved Son Jesus from the time of His divine conception, crucifixion and glorious resurrection; its victorious march down the centuries through the work of the Holy Spirit operating in holy men, called of God, unto the closing days of the Church dispensation. The time has come—that great day for which the Church has waited and yearned; some crying out, "How long, O Lord, how long!" And now God cries, "ALL THINGS ARE NOW READY."

Only one thing remains to be done, and that is to call in the guests. When all who will accept are in, then will the Lord appear in the clouds of heaven, His Church will rise to meet Him, and the great wedding supper of the Lamb will be spread.

So this certain man sends "HIS SERVANT at SUPPER TIME." Supper time is in the evening, at the close of the day, when darkness is fast creeping upon the earth, when our work is done, the "time of the end"—when the long hard day of the Church's labor of love is drawing to a close and spiritual darkness is engulfing the earth. The SERVANT is the Holy Ghost sent throughout the world in these last days to "bade many" to prepare for the wedding in the air.

Who are these "many" who are bidden to the feast, Being told that "all things are now ready"? Well, there are three separate calls. The first call goes to "THEM THAT WERE BIDDEN." Many say that the "bidden" ones, who rejected this call, were the Jews. This is possibly true. But let us remember that many prophecies have a double fulfillment, one to the Jews, and one to the Church, and if this call has any reference to the Church, its dispensational setting would be to a period just prior to the marriage supper of the Lamb, at a time when "all things are now ready," when there would have to be a "bidden" group of many as when this first call was given. I believe there was.

What do people do when they are invited to a special wedding or banquet? They begin to make feverish and joyous preparations. And when the servant of God gave the first invitation He said, "COME, for all things are now ready." That word "come" meant get ready, make quick preparation, procure the garments of holiness, without which no man shall see God, put on the righteousness and purity of the Holy Ghost. In plain Church of God language, be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost! Now do we have a record in our later day history of the Church in which such a call was given? I believe we do.

Who, then, are these people, "them that were bidden," to whom the first call was given, and rejected? I believe it was the multiplied millions of church members throughout the world, who comprised the memberships of our great religious denominations when the Holy Spirit sent out this first great call. They were bidden. That is, they had already heard and accepted the call of the Holy Spirit to accept the Lord as their personal Savior. At that time—the close of the 19th century—most of the churches were still preaching a salvation message, and men and women were praying through to salvation. It is only since these great denominations have largely rejected the Holy-Spirit-call known as the holiness or Pentecostal revival movement, which has swept the world in the last forty years, that they have been abandoned by the Spirit and have turned to worldliness and false doctrines.

At the turn of the 19th century and the years of the birth of the 20th century—1900 to 1910 roughly, the SERVANT made His first great call. The marvelous, miraculous and glorious Pentecostal, Holy Ghost outpouring began. And where did it begin? Among "them that were bidden"—the church people. In Nyack, New York; Galena, Kansas; Los Angeles, California, (to name a few spots in this country); in England, Scotland, Canada, Germany (the mission fields); in fact, around the world a marvelous thing was happening. From everywhere comes the same story. A great burden of prayer fell upon the people. Often they could neither eat nor sleep—only pray. The inevitable outcome of these intensive prayer meetings was that men and women were filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. And in all of these meetings, prophecies and messages in tongues and interpretations came forth, proclaiming the soon coming of our Lord. This was the SERVANT'S first call to the wedding supper, and it was made to them that were bidden—church people.

This phenomenal outpouring created a sensation in church circles everywhere. Leaders and laymen everywhere began to investigate. Some accepted, but the majority, following the examples of their pastors and officials, rejected this fanatical manifestation, saying it was of the devil. Organized resistance crystallized until most leaders in all denominations either smiled in a superior, tolerant way, or else openly fought the movement as being a false, demonic, and dangerous thing. While many accepted, the far larger percentage of "them that were bidden" rejected the call with many proud and foolish excuses.

I once talked to a leading Pentecostal pastor who, at the time of the first outpouring, had been a leading

By J. W. Archer

minister in one of these established denominations. His was a holiness movement of the time, and was enjoying a good revival throughout its churches. Consequently, the Holy Ghost outpouring created such a stir among them that it was finally taken up in their Annual Assembly. The discussion was, whether to accept or no, the speaking in tongues as the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. While they prepared to vote, he said, a white dove flew in an open window, circled the auditorium, and settled on the altar. When the vote was NO the dove arose and flew out the window. While this movement still exists, and has enjoyed a nominal growth, it has never regained the revival power and zeal it had enjoyed before they rejected the fulness of the gospel. The majority of the large denominations who rejected it, are now under the control of ministers and leaders who know nothing of the meaning of salvation; nor do but few of their membership.

THE SECOND CALL. Verse 21, ".... Then the master of the house being angry said to the servant, Go out QUICKLY into the streets and lanes of the CITY, and bring in hither the POOR, and the MAIMED, and the HALT, and the BLIND." It was to be a QUICK call, and it was to bring in the POOR, the MAIMED, the HALT, and the BLIND. From about 1910 to 1930 the great healing revivals stirred the world in the grestest mass world-wide revival movement the world has ever known. The Servant—the Holy Ghost—chose and anointed with healing and miracle-working gifts, a number of His people. Great healing revivals filled the largest auditoriums of the largest cities of the United States, Canada, England, and Australia. To name a few, Dr. Price, the Bosworth Brothers, Aimee Semple McPherson (who in her best years, a simple woman dressed in simple white cotton uniforms, stood on the platforms of our largest auditoriums and preached to full houses three times a day, while thousands milled outside), Stephen and George Jeffries of England; Raymond T. Ritchey, Smith Wigglsworth and many other noted Spirit-filled evangelists filled daily the greatest city auditoriums, and through the gifts and workings of the Holy Spirit performed unbelievable miracles of healing. Where did they preach? In the cities! "Go into the streets and lanes of the CITY!" Who were the hundreds of thousands who came afoot, in special trains, by airplane and in numerous ambulances? The millions of POOR, and the world's sick. The MAIMED, the HALT, and the BLIND.

Millions came in through this second call. We personally accepted the full gospel through this second call, by the miraculous healing of my wife, when the doctors had given her up to die. And so did thousands of you who read this article. Almost any pastor or evangelist who served the Lord through these years can testify to marvelous miracles of healing under his ministry.

Where are these famous evangelists today? Most of them are still living and preaching, but they no longer depend on their great healing revivals to draw the crowds; or, if they do, they preach to hundreds where once they preached to thousands. Interest has waned. The second great call is over. I do not mean that God no longer heals the sick. He does, and will, till He comes, but the great divine healing revivals no longer fill our huge city auditoriums. You can lay it to lack of faith, worldly indifference, or what you will; the fact remains that miraculous healings no longer create the stir they once did. Behind all of the other reasons for this is, I believe, the fact that we have entered into the THIRD AND LAST CALL TO SUPPER. For the servant came and said (verse 22), "Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded and yet there is room."

So now the lord said unto the servant, "Go out into the HIGHWAYS and HEDGES, and COMPEL THEM TO COME IN, that my house may be filled." This is the last call before the Lord's coming. It is not to sweep in the millions, the poor (who are numbered in the millions), the sick (who comprise another great multitude), but it is to be a hand-picking time, a compelling time. Get them one by one and COMPEL THEM TO COME IN. And it is to be not just the cities, but is to go out into the country places—the highways and hedges. It is a time of organized, systematic, church effort, such as the Church of God is now doing. It means persistent personal work, pastoral and lay visiting in hospitals and homes of unsaved friends, persistent, organized evangelistic effort. If they won't come to church, get onto the radio and take the church right into their homes and COMPEL THEM TO COME IN!

Before the war, when one could usually depend on a seat in the Pullman diner, the porter used to come through with three calls to dinner. One could, if he wished, ignore the first two calls. But when he came through the third time, he walked hurriedly and spoke rapidly: "Last call to dinnah. Last call to dinnah!" And you knew that if you didn't get up and follow him right in, you would find the door shut. I believe the SERVANT is now making His third and LAST CALL to the marriage supper of the Lamb. Trim your lamps! Press the wrinkles out of your wedding garment of holiness, for the Lord is surely coming to catch His waiting bride away.

"And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude and as the voice of many waters and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB IS COME, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints. And he said unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb," Rev. 19:6-9.

No one is so beautifully dressed and tries to make as little display of it as he who is clothed with humility.

Many remain in spiritual poverty because they are too proud to confess their need to God and His people.

. . God Is Love . .

GERTRUDE S. KILE

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." For three years Jesus had walked and lived with His disciples, and had taught them many things. They had seen His great love for humanity manifested in His miracles, and had heard it spoken in His words of compassion. They had heard Him mourn for Jerusalem. "Oh, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!"

They had heard His cry, "Come unto me, ye weary," and had seen Him shed tears of sorrow at sight of human grief.

Now, He is about to leave them. His heart's yearning is shown in His cry, "Little children," for He knows that when He is gone they will have hard lessons to learn. So here He gives the most wonderful, the truest remedy for all the ills they will have to meet. LOVE. "O little children of mine, I have loved you even as my Father has loved me. Continue ye in my love. Love one another. Do not forget. If you fail in this, if you leave love out of your plan, you will miss the mark, you will fail utterly. This is my commandment, this is your duty, your privilege, your help in time of need—your love for one another."

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples." Why? Because God is love, and His kingdom is love. His banner over us is love. "For God so loved the world ...." Love is the greatest power in the world, the source of faith. "Love through faith," we are told. Love is the source of all truth, all good. We begin our human lives secure in mother's love. Our childhood is spent surrounded by the love of our dear ones. Love is the only true foundation of any home. It constitutes the beauty of friendship, and in love we find a refuge to which we flee when trouble besets us.

The heart that loves and is beloved is truly fortified against trouble and loneliness, and knows a haven from life's storms.

When the disciples went out to their work, and had to face trials, privations, and persecutions, their love for one another and the knowledge of its steadfastness was to them a source of comfort and strength. And then, to know that wonderful height, and depth, and wideness of the great love of Jesus and of the Father, "As my Father has loved me, even so have I loved you." How had He loved them? loved us?

A prince He was, arrayed in royal robes. Around His throne the angels sang. Out of the ivory palaces into a world of woe, so He came for them, for us; into a world that sin had made sordid, and mean, and hard; into a world where He endured privations, and cold, and loneliness, and disappointment, and homelessness and temptation; where He was surrounded by the weary, the sick, the halt, the lame, the deaf, the blind; where human sorrow and human woe were drawn to Him as steel filings to a magnet; into a world where He was misunderstood, and ridiculed, and rejected and beaten, and spit upon, and crowned with thorns, and forsaken, and crucified; into a world whose willfulness, and wandering, and rebellion, and sin were all brought to Him, to be laid upon Him, that on His cross He might die for it all, might shed His precious blood in atonement for it all, wipe out the debt, and make for us a way to come back to our heavenly Father, to know in its fulness the wonderful mercy and love of God.

This was the love by which He had loved them. The power of this love was the power by which they were to go forth. This was the love with which they were to go forth. This was the love with which *they were to love one another*. This love that followed them, surrounded them, filled them to overflowing, kept them through every time of need, empowered them for every task, yea, impelled them to go out into all the world and tell the story, to you and to me, and to whosoever will. O come unto me, ye weary!

Today that love is just as true, just as new, just as strong, and just as tender as it was when Jesus said, "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you." His prayer to the Father was, "That the love wherewith thou hast loved me, may be in them."

What does this love mean to us? An overflowing portion, a wonderful blessing, a joy unspeakable, and with it down the ages comes His voice to us, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you," for, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples."

"Love is the fulfilling of the law." Of old times those who would serve God were bound by laws and rules and rites. There was no other way. But now, through Christ, His love has entered into the world, and all laws and rules are written on our hearts, and obedience has become the spontaneous outpouring of our lives from the deep fountain of His love that is in us, "The love wherewith thou hast loved me." We find that, as this love comes flooding in, so must it flow out. Love is no stagnant pool, but, "Shall be in him a well of water, springing up into everlasting life." Oh, keep the channels clean! "Let brotherly love continue." Not *make* but *let;* allow; make way for. In the home, in the church, out in the world, everywhere, keep the great love of God flowing in and flowing out. "So shall all men know ..." as leaves no room for anything that is mean or small, or untrue, that will hurt or sting, or leave a scar. No time for bickering, or selfishness, or criticism, or vanity, or striving. All this will be washed out, swept away, and we will be clean, full and flooded with love, divine love. This gives us our work, our high mission.

One of our beautiful singers has given us a glimpse of the great need of those around us:

"Don't you know the world is dying,
For a little bit of love?"

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." The world knows Him through us. "We are known and read of men," so let us go out filled with the love of God that is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, abounding and increasing in love, to win souls, not by fear, not by force, not by strife, but by the great abounding, indwelling, outpouring love of God, from Him through us unto all the world.

Rising above sin requires a human effort, but the one who makes the effort must have his faith in the divine atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ instead of in the effort itself.

Faith in God is the strong weapon man can use to tear down the strongholds of Satan and build up the kingdom of God.

Missions • Missionaries

M. P. CROSS, Executive Mission Secretary
International Christian Brotherhood
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL NATIONS

Belize, British Honduras

"Greetings to the Church of God in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and soon coming King. We, the Church of God here in British Honduras, are very thankful to God, our Father, for Jesus the gift from glory, who brings free salvation to our hearts and we are now able to report to you victory in His name.

"The church is moving on. Praise His name! On Sunday, December 19, we had a harvest thankgiving service and the dear Lord surely was with us throughout the day in every meeting. We had 109 in Sunday School and a very good gathering at the morning worship and the afternoon service. We had a special program with recitations, duets, and solos, and addresses. The house was packed. During the night service there were more folks standing outside than there were inside and two souls were saved. Now we are looking forward to a baptismal service on Sunday, December 17, if the dear Lord permits. Please pray for us here in this needy field.—Yours in His service, *R. W. Shaw.*"

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Oak Ridge, Ruatan, Republic of Honduras

"We have been back on the Island of Ruatan for one week and have had a conference with the group of ministers there, eleven in all. They unanimously agreed to unite with the Church of God. We brought in six churches on this island.—Yours for souls, *Fred and Lucille Litton.*"

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Wonderful Spirit Among Ministers and Workers in Barbados

Dear Church of God Family:

I am glad again to be able to send you a report from this corner of your large mission field. I am happy to say that God is still with us, and continues to bless our labors for His Church and cause.

On January 7 we were able to hold one of the most wonderful quarterly meetings in the history of the church. As usual, we held a baptismal service at 8:00 A. M. and twenty-one dear ones were buried with their Lord in water baptism; twenty-six were received into fellowship. Our bank hall meeting room was simply jammed till there was not even standing room anywhere in this, one of our largest buildings. Many were unable to get in at all.

There was a wonderful spirit of unity and cooperation among the workers and members. The presence of God could be felt from the beginning till the end of the service. The reports were good and revealed that during the last three months there were one hundred nineteen souls saved in our gatherings.

Our ministers and people are firmly behind our good overseer in his determination to see all our church buildings put in proper order. The quarterly building offering was the largest our church has ever given at one meeting, being $128.71. We are to make a big effort during the sugar crop season to raise $1,000 towards this much needed and worthy cause.

There are many difficulties and hindrances which keep coming in the way. We ask all of you to pray that God will help us to go on with the great work He has entrusted to us.—*C. A. Nurse, evangelist.*

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Ninety-two Prospective Missionaries in B. T. S.

I have had a number of inquiries from students in the Bible Training School and College in Sevierville, Tennessee, wanting to know more about missions and the possibilities of being sent to the mission fields. Along with numerous letters, I have heard, from different sources, about the great interest in missions that is being shown in the Bible School, and have had invitations from the President and some of the teachers to come up and talk with the students, who were interested in missions.

On the morning of February 15 I was invited to speak in chapel, and during the chapel service the President of the school invited all of those who were especially interested in foreign missions and would like to stay for a special consultation on the foreign mission work, to line up in the front. When the others were dismissed and these were seated, we found that ninety-two had stayed for this service. Seventy of this number stood, saying that they had a definite call to the foreign fields. In taking a poll to see which ones had definite calls to definite fields, we found that eighteen felt a definite call to the Spanish-speaking people, sixteen to China, sixteen to India, six to Africa, one to Russia, two to Germany. Others were not positive as to their definite field of labor. We spent one hour speaking to this group and answering their questions, after which we interviewed a large number who wished to have a few moments of private interview.

After taking off a few minutes to eat a lunch, in the school cafeteria, we met with a special group who were interested in Mexico and Latin American schools. We were very busily engaged talking with other individuals who were especially interested in the mission work, until 2:30, at which time we had an engagement to speak to the Mission Class, taught by Sister Mildred Case, where we were occupied for the next hour. Truly this was a busy day and a happy day, for, to me, it was a great privilege indeed to see the enthusiasm and deep interest of these students in our Bible Training School and College, who are preparing themselves to go forth with the gospel message, helping to fulfill the commission given by our Savior to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." I am looking forward to the time when we will have letters and articles in the Evangel from these students in many different parts of the world, telling of the glorious outpourings of the Holy Ghost upon the sanctified souls who have been saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and through the gospel message sponsored by the Church of God. Of course, this is going to mean a sacrifice for those people and their families, in the separation, to go into the foreign fields, and a sacrifice on

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News from Bible Training School and College

B. T. S. FACULTY

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PROFESSOR JOSEPH M. WAHLTON

Professor Wahlton was born in the little village of Salvsborg, Sweden. He was the eldest of five children, each of whom chose a different career or field of work.

"Prof" graduated from the Royal Academy of Stockholm as organist and choir master. After graduation, he toured Europe, giving organ and vocal concerts.

He has done intensive studying in Europe and America. In America, he studied in New York and Chicago. Besides studying, he has been conducting choruses, bands, orchestras, besides teaching other numerous vocal and various artists. He has toured from coast to coast giving recitals. In all, Professor has had a very colorful career.

Professor Wahlton has a fixed determination to win against all odds and to develop talents God has given to be used in His service.

His daily schedule is filled in teaching students to prepare for song leading, vocalists, leaders, and speakers.

He has fallen in line with the spirit of our school and says he is enjoying it tremendously. We enjoy just as much having him here and working with him.

MR. and MRS. HOYLE L. CASE

These two new members of our faculty really need no introduction—your returned missionaries to India and Cuba. Sister Case is from Missouri, where she attended the St. Joseph, Missouri, Junior College and graduated from the Flat River, Missouri, Junior College previous to her first term as teacher in B. T. S. in Cleveland, Tennessee. Brother Case is from Greenville, South Carolina, where he attended the Holmes Institute and is also a graduate of B. T. S.

They spent four happy years in Christian service to the benighted peoples of India and reluctantly left those shores behind when the war conditions compelled them to return to the U. S. A., two and a half years ago. After a brief stay here, God led them to Cuba to begin work for our Church there. Their short stay there of almost two years was crowded with events, and God's Word did not return unto Him void!

The political outlook seems a bit brighter and hopes are entertained of the possibility of an early return to India. But in the meantime they are very happy for the opportunity to serve our Church here and help prepare other young people for God's work at home and abroad. Sister Case is teaching Missions, Malayalam, and other subjects in the Christian workers and college courses. Brother Case is enjoying his many and varied contacts with our boys here in his work as the dean of men. They desire your prayers that the Spirit of God will make them a blessing to every student in B. T. S. this year.

HELEN BLACKWELL

Miss Blackwell graduated from high school in her home town, Bigtimber, Montana, 1937. In the fall of 1940 she enrolled as a student in B. T. S. and has graduated from the Christian Workers' Department and had one year here in college, and this year is serving as our dean of women. She was saved and received the Holy Ghost in 1932 and the same year became a member of the Church of God, "'way out in the Northwest!" She is earnestly striving to be a blessing to each of your girls here under her care.

FRANCES L. DEKLE

Miss Frances L. Dekle comes from Florida, an evangelist in the Church since 1935. She was among the graduating class of Bible Training School in 1938.

Since then, her work has been principally in the states of North Carolina, Idaho, Washington, and Florida as evangelist and pastor. Feeling a need of more preparation for this greatest of all works, she returned to B. T. S. last fall. Along with her studies, she is serving as dean of the girls who had to be placed in the local hotel.

Importance of Literature

Literature is the reflection of the life of a people. The study of English literature deals with the life and writings of the English people from about 55 B. C. to the present time, a period of about 2,000 years. It gives us the lives of great authors and their accomplishments, what they have contributed to the literary side of life.

A good background in literature is of great value. It is a means whereby we can learn about people and their ways. Having an understanding of life, we are abler to adapt ourselves to the world and are better prepared to meet all classes of people with an understanding of their ways.

Reading is of great value and importance. One who has a knowledge of literature, will have in his possession that which will enable him to speak with authority and power. He will be able to understand present things by what has been in the past, to explain new thoughts and ideas of today, in the light of the unchanging facts of human behavior.

English writers have contributed some valuable masterpieces of literature. The two that stand out so prominently are the King James Version of the Bible and Pilgrim's Progress. Pilgrim's Progress is next to the Bible in demand. The Bible is a yardstick by which we can measure the good in literature as a whole.

In studying literature we not only obtain a knowledge of the accomplishments of some of the great writers, but also receive a great deal of historical knowledge.

As a student in the Christian Workers' Department of the school, I believe that my study of English literature has been of great value for various reasons. First, it has served as a connecting link in facts learned in church history. Secondly, it has enabled me to have a better understanding of human nature. Thirdly, knowing the motive that promoted men in the past to write causes me to appreciate what they have written.—Armeline Cousineau.

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Home Economics in the Bible Training School

The Home Economics Department of the Bible Training School is making great progress this year under the able leadership of Miss Lois Underwood. This is her first year of work with the school, but the result of her untiring efforts is very noticeable in this department.

There are many fine girls enrolled in this department, in training for their future work of making profitable Christian homes in our nation. This year we have been studying, in a broad field, the art of homemaking.

One course of study has been the family, and the relationship of one member to another, giving instructions concerning how the family

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REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

My brother-in-law who was wounded in action; God to undertake for us. — Mrs. Etna Presson, Bakersfield, Calif.

My son and stepson who are missing in action; God to undertake for my stepdaughter.—L. B. Valentine, Rt. 1, Grayson, La.

The healing of my husband of fever; my little girl's head to be healed; my head to be healed. — Mrs. J. M. Bowen, Rt. 2, Blackshear, Ga.

The Lord to remove a goitre from my throat, also that I will be healed of other afflictions.—Mrs. Lula Hurst, Rt. 2, Box 124, Mayo, Fla.

The healing of my body, I am very nervous; unspoken request. — Mrs. Esther Millard, 2512 LaGrange St., Toledo 8, Ohio.

My mother to be healed of cancer, the doctors have given her up.—Sister Pauline Hipshire, Second South St., Morristown, Tenn.

God to undertake for my son; me to be healed; my other sons.—Sister Fannie Rainey, Dalton, Ga.

Brother Clarence Adams, Potosi, Mo., who is in a serious condition, to be healed; two unspoken requests. Encouragement appreciated.—A sister, Cadet, Mo.

The healing of my wife's body of a complication of disease, such as heart trouble, etc. She is a minister of the Church of God and is very enthusiastic about God's work as being about her Father's business. We will appreciate encouragement and fervent prayer.—Albert Farmer, Duty, Va.

My husband who is somewhere in Germany, I haven't heard from him in several weeks; the healing of my sides and stomach; the healing of my baby; my husband's mother who has ulcerated stomach to be healed. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Margie J. Stiles, Rt. 1, Mission Dam, Murphy, N. C.

My husband's side to be healed; me. —Mrs. E. V. Smith, Rt. 3, Lawrenceville, Ga.

God to undertake for my husband and children.—Tallie Easter, Amelia, Va.

My brother, Cpl. John E. Jordan, who is somewhere in the Pacific the last we heard from him; my home. He will appreciate encouragement.—Mrs. Guy Pemberton, Goodwin, Ark.

My husband who has practically lost his hearing to be healed; the healing of my body; my little children to be healed; unspoken request. Encouragement appreciated.—Gertrude Armstrong Fraley, 1329 N. Bosworth Ave., Chicago, Ill.

The healing of my little girl of asthma.—Mrs. Chester Hall, Galax, Va.

The Lord to heal my baby of a serious cold, she is in a very bad condition but God can heal her; God to undertake for us in behalf of our getting close to a church.—Ruby Rainey, R.F.D. 2, Dalton, Ga.

My son, T|Sgt. Mose Maynard, missing in action at Luxembourg since December 20; my other two sons—one in France and the other in Italy.—Mrs. Hala Maynard, Rt. 1, Georgetown, Ohio.

God to undertake for a special case, I am leaving it in His hands.—Miss Madge Ranew, Langley, S. C.

My brother, Pvt. John Christian, who has been wounded in action in France; my other brother in the Philippines; the healing of my mother, there is something wrong with her shoulder; my husband; the complete healing of my back.—Mrs. Della Minton, 1622 Vance St., Kingsport, Tenn.

My boy in Service; two unspoken requests.—Mrs. Florence Carney, Foxworth, Miss.

The healing of Russell Hester who is in the hospital, if the Lord doesn't undertake it looks like he cannot bear it.—Mrs. Ethel Godwin, Cairo, Ga., 8th St. and 2nd Ave., N. E.

My husband, who has something wrong with his eye, also other ailments; my sick children; my brother who is a prisoner in Germany.—Mrs. Euretha Williams, 1706 Hunter St., Waycross, Ga.

The healing of my body; my home. — Mrs. T. W. Shrader, Rt. 2, Fort Payne, Ala.

My father to be healed and his soul saved; my husband who is in Service overseas, also my brother in the Navy. —Mrs. Clayton Reed, Poplar Hill, Va.

The healing of my back. — M. A. Tate, Box 1348, Mullens, W. Va.

My nephew, Lewis Edward Harris, who has been wounded in action and is unsaved; his mother to be saved, healed and encouraged; my son in the Navy to be saved; an urgent unspoken request for me.—Bonnie Williams, Rt. 3, Pomeroy, Ohio.

My husband, who is in the hospital with T. B., also the men who are in his room to be healed and saved. Encouraging letters will be appreciated. His address is Simon Judd, Div. of T. B. Control, Ben Allen Rd., Nashville, Tenn. Also pray for me and my children.—Mrs. Simon Judd, Rt. 1, Sparta, Tenn.

A very special unspoken request.— Mrs. Rowena M. Kilmon, Newcomb, Md.

My son, who has been wounded in battle, to be healed. — Mrs. Annie Bland, 2419 E. Jones St., Savannah, Ga.

The healing of my body, I am bothered with nervousness; a special unspoken request.—A friend of the Evangel, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The healing of my head; my daughter, Mrs. Rudy Gay, who has a hard knot behind her left ear.—Mrs. Viola Cantrell, Rt. 2, Heflin, Ala.

My son in the Navy who wants to be saved; my two brothers in Service.—Farmer Napier, Saul, Ky.

The healing of my body.—Ora Mahan Billings, Rt. 5, Sparta, Tenn.

My husband who has appendicitis; my daughter who is bothered with appendicitis and indigestion; a brother in the Army; my dad who has high blood pressure.—Mrs. Cecil Ledford, Rt. 2, Box 269, Shaw, Miss.

The healing of my head, it hurts all the time.—Mrs. Rosa Shaw, Rt. 3, Madison, Fla.

The Lord to heal my body. Encouragement would be appreciated.—Mrs. Ruby Deese, 12 Mill St., Rock Hill, S. C.

The persons who keep looking up by faith will have no occasion to look down in doubt.

Reports from the Field

Tennessee Prayer Conference Great Success

The fellowship and prayer conference held at the Church of God in North Chattanooga was a glorious occasion for the children of God who attended. We had three services daily, 10:00 a. m., 2:00 p. m. and 7:00 p. m. The services were outlined and conducted by our state overseer, U. D. Tidwell, in a way that pleased God to dwell with us in every service.

The spiritual atmosphere of our Assistant General Overseer, E. W. Williams, and his simple, sound preachnig was a great blessing to the fellowship meeting. Our General Overseer, J. C. Jernigan, delivered a fine message on "Working Together With God."

I have heard Brother E. C. Clark, Editor of the Evangel, several times, but his sermon on "Prayer" topped them all. Every minister on the program seemed to be at his best. God was with us in a marvelous way. There was shouting from the pulpit to the door, the Lord confirming His Word with signs following, and I say, God give us more fellowship meetings like this one.

Our district convention convened at the end of the fellowship conference and it broke all past records with an orphanage offering of $155 and a $500 mission offering. Remember us in your prayers.—A. H. Batts, pastor, N. Chattanooga Church of God.

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Revivals Were the Result of Prayer Conference

Never in all my life have I attended a meeting like the East Tennessee prayer and fellowship conference. There was an ummistakable consciousness of a dynamic force plowing itself into every fibre of my being as every speaker delivered the crowning message of his ministry. Never has a convention been more conclusively under the direct supervision of the Holy Ghost from beginning to end. Every message, without exception, was a continuation of and an important part in ONE great sermon. By the time the conference was over it seemed that every pastor was determined to have an old-time Pentecostal revival. In fact, the Sunday night following the conference five revivals were started within a radius of twenty miles of Chattanooga.—Vep Ellis.

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Appreciated Prayer Conference

I would like to try to express my appreciation to you for our good state superintendent, Rev. U. D. Tidwell, and for our Assistant General Overseer, Rev. E. W. Williams, and for their calling the ministers of Tennessee together for a fellowship and prayer conference which convened at the Bell Avenue Church of God, North Chattanooga, February 6-9. Every speaker seemed to be at his best. In all of my ministry I have never heard such uplifting and soul-stirring messages, which were food to every one. Every minister left the prayer conference with a new zeal and a new touch of fire and a great determination to fight the devil till Jesus comes or death calls. Tongue cannot express how much it has meant to me; I just hope that we will have another in the near future.—W. C. King.

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Singing Was Grand, Preaching Unexcelled

Just a few words of praise for the ministerial fellowship and prayer conference that convened at the North Chattanooga Church of God, February 6-9.

Rev. U. D. Tidwell, our state overseer, was at his best, and all of his soul-stirring, fatherly instructions, coupled with such grace and heavenly wisdom, were of untold value to us.

Our General Overseer, Rev. John C. Jernigan, and our Assistant General Overseer, Rev. E. W. Williams, were with us and their messages were great.

All of the ministers seemed to be at their best. I have never heard better preaching. Their messages went forth anointed by the Holy Ghost. The power of God came down and there was dancing and shouting and messages given in tongues.

The singing was simply grand. At times, when some of those good old soul-stirring songs were sung and our hearts would get in touch with heaven, our moderator would have to wait until the waves subsided before he could proceed.

All seemed to be of one accord in prayer for God to send an old-time revival to all of our churches and I am sure all of the ministers went back to their fields of labor with a greater determination to work for God and the salvation of souls than ever before.—J. D. Wilson, pastor of Soddy, Tenn., Church of God.

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Heavenly Feeling Enjoyed in Convention

STRAWN, Texas.—The first Y. P. E. and Sunday School district convention of Texas for 1945, convened at Strawn, Texas, February 9-11. The convention opened Friday night with our good pastor, Rev. J. E. Green, giving the welcome address. There was a good fellowship and a heavenly feeling throughout the meeting. Special songs were rendered by Rev. and Sister Bloomingdale, Gibson duet, Sister Wagner, and the old Strawn quartet. Our guest speaker was Rev. G. M. Bloomingdale, of Weatherford, Texas. His message was soul-stirring and will linger in the hearts of the people who heard, and especially will it mean something to the young man who gave his heart to the Lord that night.

Saturday night we had reports from the district Y. P. E. presidents. An orphanage offering was given by the congregation, by each church on the district, and by an individual from each church, the total offering being $336.45. Sister Opal Ferguson, of Ranger, received a cash prize, offered by the district superintendent, Rev. O. E. Wright, of Stephenville, for bringing the largest individual offering. We thank the Lord for this help to our boys and girls in the orphanage. Our speaker for the evening was Rev. C. E. Neal, of Mineral Wells.

Rev. Otho Anderson, of Ranger, brought a message Sunday morning on "The Good in Sunday School," which was inspirational to all Sunday School workers. Our last and best message was given by our good humble state superintendent, Rev. R. L. Wagner. His admonition to expend in our spiritual experience, to get out of the rut and stay out, made us all desire to press on to attain more power with God.

The convention was continued after a picnic lunch, for a new kind of service, a district singing convention and testimony service. Special songs were rendered by the Ranger girls' trio, Strawn quartet, Ranger district trio, and Sister Wagner. The good testimonies and singing brought that

heavenly feeling nearer and we left the convention with a determination to do more for God.

We appreciate the good work of our state superintendent and his faithful wife.—Convention clerk, Ruth Messimer, Box 35.

REVIVALS

HICKORY, N. C.—A two weeks' revival has just closed at our church conducted by Sister Della R. Patrick, of Roanoke Rapids, N. C. It was a great success. Four were saved, three sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, two added to the church, and several healed. The saints were greatly encouraged. The new church is making progress. It is only a little over two months old and we have bought a lot on a paved street large enough for a church and parsonage and it is paid for. Keep praying for us. We will build a new church before the Assembly, with the help of the Lord and our good friends.—J. W. Pritchard, pastor.

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SCHOLFIELD, Va.—On February 11 we closed what was said by several of the members of long standing, the greatest revival that the church had had in several years, for which we thank the Lord. Thirty-two were saved, twenty-one sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost, and fourteen added to the church. Rev. C. J. Hester, of Greenville, S. C., was the evangelist. He did some fine preaching. Any church will be blessed in having him for a revival. You may contact him at 5 Arlington Ave., Greenville, S. C.—Roy Douglas, pastor, Box 453.

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We were in a wonderful service at the Church of God in Morgantown last night. The revival there has been going almost four weeks and up to now there have been sixty-five saved, thirty-six sanctified, and thirty-six filled with the Holy Ghost.

Last night, Sister B. J. Morgan, who had not walked a step without the aid of crutches in six years, was instantly healed and shouted and walked, rejoicing in the Lord for around two hours. The doctors said she could never walk again without the aid of crutches. Another woman, who was supposed to go to the hospital for an appendix operation, decided to come to church instead of going to the hospital, and God healed her. The Holy Ghost took charge and around one hundred and fifty people were shouting and praising God at the same time. It was really an old-time camp meeting. Brother W. R. Messer is the pastor of this church. Continue to pray for this meeting.—T. W. Day, state supt. of Sunday School and Y. P. E. in Mississippi.

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We are happy to report a good revival here in Bisbee, Arizona, with the Dunn family evangelists of the Western District in charge. We had old-fashioned Holy Ghost services. There were six or seven conversions, one received the Holy Ghost, and four came into the Church. The people here in Bisbee, which is a mining town, are hard to get but they are also hard to beat when you get them.

The Dunns are good evangelists. They are efficient and have the Church at heart. The people here in the City enjoyed their singing and preaching. We were privileged to have a daily broadcast during the revival that was a great blessing. The Dunns are good radio singers, and our radio audience enjoyed their ministry in song. You wouldn't go wrong to secure the Dunns for a revival, for they have the work of the Church at heart and will work in interest of the Church's program. We trust that they will come our way again.

I would just like to say a word about our local singers here. I think we have some of the best when it comes to singing. We are certainly blessed to have such a good quartet and trio to sing in our broadcasts. — Sincerely, Floyd L. Ramsey, pastor.

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SPRING HILL, W. Va.—A revival was held by our pastor at the church at High Town or St. Albans, W. Va., with great success, with seven saved, five baptized with the Holy Ghost, one baptized in water, and some additions to the church. The church was greatly helped. The revival closed October 25.

We have a wonderful pastor and praise the Lord for her, Sister Londen, she being the first woman pastor we have ever had, but she is wonderful.

Another revival was held at Spring Hill, W. Va., where we had no church building, but our pastor held the meeting at my home. We could not accommodate the people for lack of room, but, praise the Lord, we had good success. One received the Holy Ghost on New Year's Eve night and there were other seekers at the altar. Much good seed was sown in that new place and the way the devil fought made some of the saints believe their folk were sick to keep them away from the meeting. This revival closed January 13, 1945. We are looking forward to a better meeting in the spring, D. V., and we believe it is His will for the devil is so mad. We mean to defeat him. Pray much for us.—Rev. James Vernati.

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FLAG LAKE, Miss.—I am glad to report a very successful revival at the Flag Lake church which closed last Sunday night. It ran for two weeks. Five were saved, two sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and the saints greatly edified. Brother J. C. Moore, of Ravia, Okla., did the preaching. He is a wonderful preacher.

We are expecting a new church building in the near future.—Claud T. Waddell, Rt. 1, Box 218, Tunica, Miss.

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ATLANTA, Ga.—Who said the days of revivals are over? They are not over for the Spirit-filled people who pray and believe God and where the Word of God is preached in power.

We began a revival at the Grant Park church, Atlanta, on New Year's night, which lasted three weeks. Thirty-five were saved, thirty-seven sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, fifteen baptized in water, and nine added to the church.

God confirmed His Word with mighty wonders and healings, the gifts of the Holy Ghost being manifested as in the early Church. Eternity alone will reveal the good accomplished in this meeting. Rev. S. C. Chambers was the evangelist. We thank the Lord for him and Sister Chambers. May God bless them and give them souls for His kingdom wherever they go.—Maude Largin, pastor.

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WALLINS, Ky.—We truly thank God for the good revival in Wallins, Ky., which came to a close October 28, with Rev. W. E. Foster, of Jamestown, Ky., doing the preaching. His messages were food to our souls. The revival ran two weeks. One received the Holy Ghost the last night. Our good district overseer, Brother F. R. Harrawood, was with us one night and brought a wonderful message. Thank God for men like these. Pray for us, that we will get a church at Wallins. —Roy Dagnan, pastor, Twila, Ky.

MISSION PAGE

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the part of many here, to raise the funds to send them, but it will be a happy day indeed when we gather in the City of God and see those who have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ, as they eat the Marriage Supper and wear their robes of righteousness and walk the streets of gold, knowing that in this world many of them never had enough to eat and possibly never had a pair of shoes on their feet. Yes, by the grace of God we will go and preach and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things that Jesus has commanded us, until He says, "It is enough. Come up higher." — *M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.*

(I have just learned that two received the Holy Ghost on the following Friday night after I was in the school, and five more on Sunday night. No doubt there are some more prospective missionaries among this group.)

B. T. S. AND COLLEGE

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should work together and how to bring about this co-operation in the home. In connection with this we have studied child care, first aid, and home nursing; also the various household arts of dressmaking, knitting, crocheting and embroidery. Not only have we studied cookery, but also great stress has been laid upon the planning of menus and wholesome, appetizing meals.

Some of the classes that have been instructed in sewing have been engaged in the very essential service of making garments for the Red Cross, which, of course, has elevated this department of the school in the opinion of the general public. This project not only is beneficial to the girls, but also is associated with a very worthy cause.

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," says the old adage. Miss Underwood believes that the same rule holds good for girls, therefore she has organized the first Home Economics Club in the history of the school. This is not a club for work, but for pleasure and recreation for the students. It is indeed a group of happy, enthusiastic girls who gather together on Saturday afternoons for hikes and wiener roasts after a week of profitable school work. We greatly appreciate the work of the club and the opportunity it has given the boys and girls of the school for well-supervised social activities on special occasions.

In all activities of the home economics department, we endeavor to keep the spiritual atmosphere, which is characteristic of all the other departments of the school. In all our activities God and the program of salvation and spirituality are given a prominent place.—Ida M. McKay.

REPENTANCE

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as for their crying mightily unto God, they were not heard because of their loud praying. It was the earnestness of their hearts to which God listened. A penitent soul who is tired and sick of sin and is seeking God, might become so interested that in his anxiety he may cry aloud unto God. Men of Bible days often did. Quiet religion and silent worship is all right as long as there is enough sincerity, but those mentioned in the Bible often cried aloud unto God, and when heard and were blessed of God shouted His praises. You may play and claim religion, belong to the Church and sit hard-hearted and stiff-necked in the pews, but when God gets in you and you in Him there will be a change.

HAS CHRISTIANITY FAILED?

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hopes of saving this generation. Our efforts are now directed toward the next. No more missionaries will be sent out to merely evangelize. Our hope is education."—*The secretary of a large denominational mission board.*

Modernism expects to save the world and thus usher in the millennium, whereas the Bible teaches that the purpose of the gospel is to save men out of the world. There have been men from some of the evangelical groups who have declined to preach salvation as being experimental, and have removed the altar from their churches. They receive members by card signing and handshakes. The Church of God has an altar in every church, and teaches that men and women are not eligible for membership in the church until they have had an experience with God. We also have some fine schools and a good college, but we do not believe that education can take the place of the blood of Christ in the redemption of the soul. If education alone could save the world, the world would be getting better all the time, for we have more and better schools every year. However, for proof that education does not serve the purpose in saving the world, the crime wave is increasing every year. The Church of God, saying nothing of the other evangelical groups, had about fifty thousand souls born again at the old-fashioned altar bench last year, and about sixteen thousand to pray through to the precious baptism of the Holy Ghost. Someone might ask just what stand the Church of God is making in these trying times. We are making the same stand that we have since we were organized. We stand for the whole Bible rightly divided, the New Testament as the only rule for government and discipline, and we firmly believe that as the Church and Christianity survived the brutal attacks of its haters in its infancy, it will also survive the waves of modernism in these last days.

My Child Which Was Dead Now Liveth

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has been so strange. That kid's heart stopped beating on the operating table. We kept working with her and it suddenly started beating again. Strange she hasn't had a fever since, too." Now is not this to illustrate the power of God to a dying world? In truth we can praise God, for when He said the child would recover, she did. Can we praise God too much when our child who was dead now liveth?—E. L. Simmons, Jr., pastor, Church of God, Roderfield, W. Va.

Successful Revival

JEFFERY, W. Va. — We have just closed a revival at Jeffery, with good success. Rev. Meoron Bowen was the evangelist. The meeting ran two weeks. Six were saved, six sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, one added to the church, and one baptized in water. We had large crowds every night, and the power fell in a wonderful way. Brother Bowen did some good preaching. His messages were soul-stirring. Brother Bowen is a member of the church here and we surely appreciate him. He is a good loyal minister and member. We covet your prayers for the work here at Jeffery. —Jessie Mae Rose, pastor.

She Let Her Light Shine

Dear Church of God Friends, I have just been reading one of your Evangels that a sister gave me, and what a wonderful change it made in my life. On Sunday evening, August 17, I was passing by her house. I saw her sitting on the porch. She was singing the old hymn, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." I stopped to listen and the music was so soft and melodious that I just stepped up to the porch and asked for a drink of water. She said, "I do not have ice water but I will give you a drink." She did, and the very first thing she said after I drank was, "Mister, are you saved? Do you know God?" I said, "I would like to be saved." She said, "Do you ever pray?" I said, "I do not know how to pray." Then she said, "Here is a good place to pray," but I refused to pray with her. She said again, "Are you crippled?" I told her I was, that I got crippled while in the fighting force. I was sent back to the United States and placed in a hospital. They got me to where I could walk and gave me my furlough to go home. I was on my way home and came through Seminole, Okla., to visit some relatives.

I had started back to the bus station to leave for my home in Arkansas when I passed this lady's house. Again she was down on her knees pouring out her heart to our heavenly Father above. I stood there listening and wanted to go in very badly and learn to pray, but I wouldn't disturb her. I started on and she began to sing. How wonderful it sounded, but I went on to the bus station. Something urged me to go back and pray with Sister Smith, but I did not. I got on the bus and it started on the journey, but I was miserable. I couldn't sit still, so a lady said to me with a bad word, "Can't you be still?" I said, "No, I am suffering pretty badly, lady." She talked to me pretty hard. Tears came into my eyes and I began to call on God to have mercy on me, so the lady got up and moved. She said, "I am sorry I talked to you that way." I told her that was all right but she needed God too. She said, "I guess we all do," but didn't offer to help me. My mind wandered back to the songs I heard Sister Smith singing and the prayer she offered for me. Friends, the Lord came on the scene and saved my soul. Praise His blessed name. I am so glad someone is working for lost souls and praying for our boys in the Armed Forces. Pray for that unsaved dad of mine, that the Lord will bring him into the fold before it is too late.

There is a verse in the Bible that comes to me very often, "Fear not, little flock; it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Friends, if ever you want to write to this sister or are passing through Seminole, Okla., pay her a visit. Her address is Mrs. Ruth Smith, 1105 N. University St., Seminole, Okla. She is a wonderful Christian woman. Sister Smith is a widow with three girls; pray that the Lord will save them before it is too late. May God bless every soldier and everybody. Pray for me and for my good friend, Sister Smith. —A soldier.

It Happened Because of Prayer

God is blessing at Riverside church in Atlanta. I am glad to witness to His goodness to us here, for truly He has done great things for us.

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The spiritual side of the church is progressing too. We have had a membership increase since the Assembly of around fifty.

We have just closed a very successful revival with Brother E. W. Angeley, of Gastonia, N. C. There were twelve saved, eight sanctified, thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost, and thirteen added to the church, four by transfer.

It all happened because of prayer. Immediately after the church started an all-night prayer chain on Saturday night, God began to bless. So if your church needs new life and new material, organize a prayer chain by letting two or three of your members pray each hour of the night on Saturday night, and I'm sure you will see the results.

Pray for us here, that this tide will continue to come in.—P. H. Hammond, pastor.

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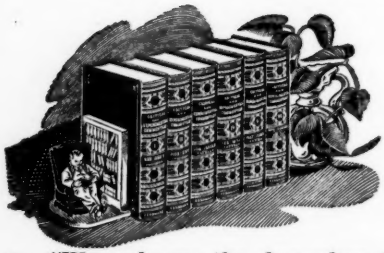

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